

Howard County Office of Children and Families

# Training Calendar

Registration and payment are required in advance for all classes

MARCH - APRIL 2021



Workshops are held virtually through Webex by the Department of Community Resources and Services' Office of Children and Families, 9830 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, MD 21046, unless otherwise noted.

\*Online registration only\* For questions, contact: Kristin Reel at [kreel@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:kreel@howardcountymd.gov)

## MARCH

### Emergency Preparedness

Thurs., Mar. 4/ 11 / 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM / \$50

J. Johnson/ 3 HSN 3 PRO

This six-hour workshop meets the OCC requirements for Emergency Preparedness training. Participants will complete an approved emergency preparedness plan in the workshop.

### Using Storytelling to Enhance Children's Development

Mon., Mar. 15 / 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM / \$15

K. Reel / 3 CUR

Storytelling is an integral part of our lives. We can enhance communication and encourage language development and social competence by expanding our capacity to tell stories.

### Jumping Into Social-Emotional Development

Wed., Mar. 24 / 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM / \$15

L. Moran/ 2 CUR

Children's social and emotional health affects their overall development and learning. Participants will explore the importance of developing social-emotional skills in young children and how they can support those skills with simple materials. Participants will experience using the social-emotional materials and will create materials to utilize in their own program.

## April

### Supporting Breastfeeding in Child Care/ SIDS

Thurs., April. 15 / 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM / \$20

J. Johnson / 2 HSN .5 CONT

SIDS is the sudden, unexplained death of a healthy infant under 12 months. The cause of SIDS is unknown, but there are ways to make babies in your care safer. *A SIDS class is required for family child care applicants and for any family provider seeking to become licensed for infant care.*

### Learning with Blocks

Mon., April. 19 / 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM / \$15

K. Reel / 3 CUR

Block exploration is a timeless, classic play activity that has endured through many different ideologies and theories of child development. Playing with blocks beginning at a young age provides countless opportunities for the development of language, social skills, as well as emerging perceptual-motor skills.

### Activities for the Culturally Diverse Classroom

Wed., April. 21 / 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM / \$15

L. Moran / 3 CUR

This training will teach participants important implications for early childhood education and how they should develop clear objectives/goals for their instruction in order to select the best activities for children from culturally diverse backgrounds. This training will also teach participants how they can embrace the philosophy of lifelong learning regarding different cultures in order to improve their ethos in the support for diversity.

### You Can Do This! Accommodating All Children in Your Program

Tues., April. 27 / 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM / \$15

L. Moran / 3 SN

Participants will discuss and develop ideas for identifying program modifications and accommodations for children who have special needs or disabilities. This workshop does not satisfy any training required by OCC regulations.